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LOUIS HANSON'S ESTATE.

A ST. LOUIS DOCTOR GETS A PORTION OF IT VERY PROMPTLY.

The Son of a Woman Who Married a Wealthy New York Tailor Discovered and Given Over $60,000—The Heir Found by Ascertaining Her Name Was One Assumed.

Richard J. Morrison, the New York public administrator, on Tuesday paid to William Preston Hill $49,261.48 in cash and turned over to him about $16,000 in bonds, stocks and jewelry, being his share of the proceeds of the estate of a man young Hill never saw and to-day the young man will start for his home in St. Louis with his windfall in his pocket. The money belonged to the estate of Josephine E. Hanson, widow of Louis Hanson, the Twenty-third street tailor, who killed himself or was killed by his wife July 4, 1885, on Storm King Mountain, near Newburg, N. Y.

Louis Hanson was a Dane who was brought here as a tailor's cutter. He was a first-class workman and saved money enough to start in business. In 1880 or 1881, having been deserted by a woman who had been living with him as his wife, he advertised for a housekeeper and his advertisement was answered by a woman who called herself Mrs. Josephine E. Hunter. She was well educated, sprightly and a good talker, and Hanson was fascinated. She said that her name was Courtenay, but that she had been married at the age of 15 to Rudolph Hunter, an officer in the Confederate service, who died a few years later, and that she had been a widow for eighteen years. Within a week they were engaged to be married. A few days later he presented to her a pair of diamond earrings and $1,000 to pay for her wedding trousseau, but she kept the money and had the bills sent to him for payment after their marriage. He took her to Europe and left her there. She returned by way of Boston and again joined him in New York.

After her return she made herself so disagreeable that he was compelled to leave her and go to a hotel, and she then sued for a limited divorce. The suit was compromised after a time and he agreed to pay his wife $40 a week. The papers for the legal separation were to be drawn up and signed July 5, 1885. On the 3d, Mrs. Hanson sent for her husband and asked him to take her into the country for the 4th, as she was ill and dreaded the noise of the day in the city, and he consented. The next day they were alone on Storm King mountain. Two pistol shots were heard and when help arrived Hanson was found on the ground with a bullet wound in the head, a pistol beside him and his wife trying to staunch the blood from his wound with her handkerchief. He was unconscious and died in a few minutes. In explanation of the tragedy, she said that her husband had become angry and fired one shot at her and then placed the pistol to his head and fired again.

It was said that there were no powder marks about the wound in Hanson's head, and that while he himself did not own a revolver and never carried one, his wife not only owned one, but knew how to use it. It was also reported that Mrs. Hanson had tried to induce a man to kill her husband, and upon his refusal had said: "If you don't, I will." These and other circumstances connected with the tragedy raised a grave suspicion as to the truth of her story, but in the meantime she had disappeared and nothing was done.

Hanson died intestate, leaving an estate valued at $156,472.73. This the widow put in the hands of the public administrator for settlement and three months later and before the estate was settled she started for Australia in company with another man, it was said. She died on shipboard before reaching San Francisco. Her trunks were opened there and letters were found and a correspondence ensued between the Pacific Steamship company and the administrator in New York. A photograph of the woman was sent to San Francisco and identified by the stewardess of the vessel, and her trunks were sent back to New York. In the trunks were bundles of letters which disclosed many facts not known heretofore. From these it was learned that her maiden name was Josephine E. Behrens, not Josephine E. Courtenay, as she had claimed, and that she had been married in St. Louis when quite young to one Britton A. Hill, by whom she had had one son, William Preston Hill. She was divorced from Hill. Mr. Morrison, the public administrator, thereupon opened a correspondence with young Hill, who is a doctor, residing in St. Louis, about 30 years of age and married, and two weeks ago he went to New York with the proofs of his identity and his right to the money left by his mother as his share of the Hanson estate. The sum of $63,833.25 has been paid to Hanson's two sisters in Denmark as their share. The money after deducting expenses, including attorney's fees, amounting to $16,316.74, was paid to him as already stated.

The Revenue Bill Passed.

The bill to revise, amend and consolidate the several revenue laws of the state, which impose taxes upon personal property and upon banks, corporations, limited partnerships, bankers and brokers, was passed finally in the House Tuesday afternoon by a vote of 14 to 159. By this act twenty-seven other and various tax laws now on the statute books are repealed and their provisions with some exceptions are codified in the new law. Among other changes made are the release of gold and silver plate, watches, furniture and pleasure carriages from taxation and the inclusion of the manufacturing corporations in the taxables.

The fight was made on the latter point when the bill was upon second reading, and the friends of the exemption of these corporations from taxation, having other slight amendments to make to the bill when it shall reach the Senate, did not make any opposition to its final passage in the House. Representative Faunce is in receipt of many protests from manufacturers in Philadelphia, more particularly from firms organized under the liberal provisions of the act of 1885, which exempted them from the three mill tax, and from firms which contemplated the taking in of their employes to partnership in the profits of their business.

Good Work by Old Men.

From the New York Tribune.

Much of the best work of the day is done by the oldest workers with youthful energy and hopefulness. Mr. Gladstone is seventy-seven, but where is there in England a public man of brightfulness and larger faith? His old age is overburdened with labors, but his youthful spirit feels no sense of strain. He works on in Parliament and in his library with unceasing ardor and courage, and inspires the youngest Liberal in the party ranks with a feeling of confidence and security in the ultimate triumph of the home rule cause. In Paris there is President Grevy at seventy-six, wielding in a transition period the weighty responsibilities of his great office, and yet hopeful and gay in manner, as he surveys the barren field of French politics and forecasts beneficial changes in the social tendencies of republican institutions. Prince Bismarck at seventy-one has entered the Reichstag as jauntily as he did twenty years ago, and enjoyed his political triumph as keenly as any of his earlier parliamentary battles. He stops in the chamber beside Von Moltke's seat—the soldier is eighty-six—and the two veterans laugh heartily at each other's jokes; and behind them both is an emperor who is ninety this very month and yet with all the anxieties of state has contrived to keep a youthful heart.

The Philadelphia Club Goes South.

This morning the Philadelphia base ball club will reach Savannah where they will go into ten days' training previous to entering upon the active work of their Southern season. The start was made from Broad street station at seven o'clock yesterday morning, the players who went being Clements, Cusick, Dallas and Gibson, catchers; Daily, Devlin and Henry, pitchers; Irwin, short stop; Farrar, Mulvey and Fogarty, on the bases, and Wood and Andrews in the field. It is expected that Weyling, Stabling and Woodwell will join the club while in the South, but Bastian is prevented from going by the sickness of a relative, and Casey, McGuire, Murphy and Ferguson will also remain North. Manager Wright expects by his Southern practice to develop his team, which includes eight new men, better than he could in a gymnasium, and so put them into first-class condition for the championship games.

THE TIMBER MARKET.

Prices Advancing Because There Will Not Be Half the Rafts Usually Brought Down the River This Spring.

LOCK HAVEN, PA., March 16.—It is estimated that about 240 rafts of square timber are in the dam here, and several hundred more are coming. Early in the month it was thought that there would be about 1,000 rafts come down this spring, but a number of prominent up-river lumbermen now say that the total number would not reach more than 450 or 475. This has caused an increased activity in the market and prices have advanced accordingly. There are not many buyers on hand but those who are here are looking out for themselves and picking up some good rafts at fair prices. The quotations are: Hemlock, 6 and 7 cents; square pine 16 to 17; oak 15 to 20. The pine rafts in the dam are of the finest timber ever brought down the river, and on Tuesday several pine rafts sold for twenty-one cents a foot. Besides the square timber and the millions of feet of logs there will be about 350 board rafts come down this spring, and some of the latter have already passed Williamsport on their way to Marietta, some of them having reached Middletown on the present flood. Williamsport buyers here are picking up some very fine timber and will not allow much of the best to go past that city. George Merrill & Co.'s log drive, which includes all Cassiday's drive and part of the Flynn drive on Clearfield creek, left Anderson creek on Saturday and yesterday reached Shawville, where it is thought it will have to tie up to await another flood. In passing over the Shaw dam, below Clearfield, Merrill's ark was badly damaged and a delay was necessitated to make repairs. There are over 70,000,000 feet of logs in the combined drive. The rafting season is a bonanza to this town. The usually dull town puts on a business like appearance and the people, from hotel-keepers to peanut venders, waken to the fact that their harvest time has come and they make the best of it. It will be a cold day for Lock Haven when there is no more timber along the West Branch to cut and run to market.

SALSBURY'S TROUBADOURS.

A Good Presentation, But Nate Salsbury Was Not Present in the Cast.

Last evening Salsbury's Troubadours appeared in Fulton opera house. The audience which greeted them was large down stairs, but the gallery was almost empty. The play was the new three-act farce entitled "The Humming Bird," which was first brought out in New York some time ago. It contains plenty of fun and the parts are good. The mixture of the plot is caused by an advertisement in the New York *Herald*, and the leading character is that of a very nervy theatrical manager and actor named *Joseph Brass*. The amusement-going people here were led to believe that Mr. Salsbury would play that part, but such was not the case. That gentleman left the show over a week ago in order to make preparations to go to Europe with the "Wild West," in which he has a half interest financially. Although this was the case, Mr. Salsbury's name was used upon the house programme and the public was imposed upon in a manner that they will likely remember. The part was taken by a young man named Blair, who probably was one of the best persons that could be had to fill Mr. Salsbury's shoes. He created much fun in the part at times, and worked hard to make himself a favorite, but he lacked the spirit and ready wit of Salsbury whom the people would much rather have seen. Of course Nellie McHenry was excellent as she always is, in every character that she plays. As *Sally Styles*, a stage-struck maiden, she was the life of the play, and her every appearance was the signal for applause. She was brimful of fun and was warmly received. She sang a number of new selections, and in the third act was encored no less than a half dozen times. Her dancing was as nimble as ever and her costumes elegant. John Webster was good as *Robert Rackett*, but the character of *Augustus Honeymoon* was in bad hands and the young fellow who had the part seemed far away from home with it. Miss McHenry was obliged to prompt him continually upon the stage and in that way he managed to stagger through. Of the females Miss Marie Bockel, a lady who has been seen in Lancaster with different opera companies, did the best in the character of *Matilda Fullalove*, a gushing young widow. Her singing in the second and third acts was a feature of the performance.

As a whole the entertainment was not as good as that usually given by the Troubadours. The play is not as strong as "The Brook," "Three of a Kind," and others, and with Nate Salsbury out of the cast there is considerable lacking.

The King Street Theatre.

At the King street theatre last evening the audience was almost as large as upon the opening night. The performance was the same, and it pleased the people. It will be repeated this evening.

Franklin and Marshall Alumni Meeting.

From the Reformed Messenger.

A meeting of graduates of Marshall, and Franklin and Marshall colleges, living in and near Philadelphia, was held on the evening of the 3d inst., to consider the advisability of forming a local Alumni association. The following persons were present: A. M. Spangler, '46; P. S. Davis, '49; C. G. Fisher, '58; D. E. Klopp and W. H. Scheibley, '59; George H. Johnson, '60; S. H. Guilford and L. C. Sheip, '61; W. W. Weigley, '62; A. S. Gerhard, '63; J. D. Detrick, '67; Francis E. Bucher and O. E. Shannon, '81; T. Balliet and I. A. Salade, '84. Rev. G. H. Johnston was called to the chair and F. E. Bucher, esq., appointed secretary. It was reported that about forty alumni are living in Philadelphia and vicinity, and it was resolved to form an association for social intercourse and literary improvement, and to advance the interest of the alma mater. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and another meeting will be held at the call of the chairman.

A DAMAGING OVERFLOW.

Several Musical Instruments Damaged—Complaints Against the Telephone Company.

The water closet in the third story of the city hall, used by the Bell telephone company, overflowed last night or early this morning and the water from the clogged wastepipe ran over the floor and through the ceiling, flooding the hall between the two council chambers and running through the ceiling into Steve J. Owens' piano and organ rooms, injuring several valuable instruments to the extent of about $300. John Stains, fruit dealer in the basement, also suffers some loss. The blame appears to belong altogether with the telephone people, and Mr. Owens says he will try and make them pay for the loss he has sustained. Members of the committee on city property talk of having the telephone removed from city hall, as several complaints have formerly been made against the company.

Nina's Alleged Marriage Certificate.

The county clerk at Chicago returned the alleged marriage certificate of Nina Van Zandt and the Anarchist Spies to Justice Engelhardt, who claimed to have performed the ceremony. The clerk reminds the justice that as Spies was in the county jail at the time of the alleged marriage he could not have been at the village of Jefferson, where the justice certifies that the marriage occurred.

Becomes Harrisburg Correspondent.

W. K. Buckingham, formerly of the INTELLIGENCER, succeeds Mr. Howland as Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Press.

ROYAL ARCANUM ADJOURNS.

THE OFFICERS WHO WERE CHOSEN FOR THE TWO YEARS.

The Installation of New Officials—The Grand Secretary's Salary Increased—Pittsburg Selected for the Next Place of Meeting—Several Committees Report.

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania Royal Arcanum re-assembled in Mechanics hall, Tuesday afternoon. Several questions of law propounded by members at the morning session and referred to the committee on laws, were answered and explained by said committee. The greater part of the afternoon session was taken up in the election of officers of the grand council for the ensuing year. For several of the positions there were a number of candidates, and as the votes were much scattered five or six ballots were necessary in some cases to secure an election. Following were the successful candidates and were declared duly elected: Grand regent, H. K. Lathy, of Philadelphia; grand vice-regent, Joseph A. Langfitt, of Allegheny; grand orator, O. D. Roberts, of Philadelphia; grand secretary, J. H. Wright, of Allegheny; grand treasurer, E. F. Houseman, of Greensburg; grand chaplain, Rev. E. H. Leiserring, of Lewisburg; grand guide, E. S. Bortel, Philadelphia; grand warden, J. J. Thompson, Spartansburg; grand sentry, George Dunkeld, of Pittsburg; representatatives to Supreme Council, Chill W. Hazzard, of Allegheny, Dr. J. C. Styer, of Philadelphia, J. B. Brown, Corry, and W. K. Grey, of Allegheny, elected alternates.

Supreme Regent J. H. Butler, of Boston, on behalf of the supreme council, presented state council with a series of resolutions adopted by the supreme council, thanking latter body in most complimentary terms for the generous hospitality extended the supreme council during its sessions last year in Philadelphia. These resolutions are handsomely engrossed and beautifully framed.

Wednesday's Morning Session.

The committee on laws continued their reports on various matters referred to them yesterday.

The commitee on the good of the order and the finance committee also made reports on matters referred to them.

The grand councils of Maryland and Ohio being in session, congratulatory telegrams were sent to them.

The place of holding the next biennial session of the grand council was next considered. Pittsburg, Phillipsburg, Altoona, Allentown, Beaver Falls and Lebanon were applicants for the honor and Pittsburg won by a small majority.

It being announced that a bill is now before the legislature the provisions of which are inimical to the interests of the Royal Arcanum and other organizations of like character, a committee was appointed to watch all unfavorable legislation.

The finance committee made a report that the salary of the grand secretary be increased from $800 to $1,000 per annum; that the grand treasurer's salary be increased to $200; and that $600 be paid the grand regent for services for the past two years. The report was adopted.

The number of delegates in attendance at the grand council was 133; their total mileage foots up 58,57.8. The mileage and per diem paid delegates to the grand council foots up $3,000 62.

The ex-Grand Regent Hazzard having vacated the chair, Past Supreme Regent John Haskell Butler, the authorized deputy of the supreme regent of the United States was conducted to the chair and proceeded to install the officers-elect, whose names appear above.

After the installation the grand regent elect assumed the chair and delivered an eloquent and impressive address. He called upon delegates to present any new business they might have to offer to the grand council. There being none the grand council adjourned.

Parting With His Wife For $50.

A dispatch from Joliet, Ill., says: "The novel spectacle of a husband selling his wife was witnessed in Justice Nunn's court in Braidwood yesterday. The parties to the transactions were two Italians, Michaelo Pazetti and Patrello Pervna Pazetti lived at the village of Diamond. Pervna boarded with him. Pervna won the affections of Mrs. Pazetti, and on Sunday she accompained him to Wilmington, married him and lived with him there. The deserted husband, armed with two guns and accompanied by Marshal Blood, of Braidwood, followed up the guilty couple. They found Mrs. Pazetti at their stopping place in Wilmington, while Pervna, her paramour, was at the depot buying tickets to New Mexico. They arrested her and took her back, followed in hot haste by Pervna and a fellow Italian, fully armed and ready to rescue the prize from the officer, who got into Braidwood before Pervna could overtake them. Yesterday when Justice Munn called the case Pazetti appeared and stated that Pervna had been to his house during the night and told him that Mrs. Pazetti loved him better than she did her husband, and that he (Pervna) would pay all costs and give him $50 to let the matter drop, provided he would allow his wife to go with him. Pazetti said he had agreed to do this and giving Justice Munn $20, asked him to dismiss the suit which was done, and Pervna is now on his way to New Mexico with Mrs. Pazetti.

It Will Depend on Mrs. C.

From the Detroit Tribune.

A gentleman who is on somewhat intimate terms with President Cleveland predicts that Mrs. Cleveland will decide whether or not her husband will be a candidate before the nominating convention in 1888. This gentleman says that the president pays the utmost deference to the wishes of his wife, and that if she desires that he should try his chances once more before the country Mr. Cleveland will be a candidate in spite of his own preferences. This gentleman asserts that Cleveland is absolutely tired of the work devolving upon the chief magistrate. He has had all the honor that he can possibly get out of the place, and the labors of the office have strained his nervous system to the utmost. Mrs. Cleveland is charmed with her life in Washington, but it may be that the novelty will wear off with another winter and that she, too, may be desirous of obtaining some rest and relief from the cares of her position. If this proves to be the case Mr. Cleveland will not again appear as a candidate.

Good Intentions on Entering Office.

Ex-Mayor William S. Stokley, the new chief of public safety of Philadelphia, said on Tuesday:

When I take this responsible trust I will at once give notice that the first consideration in the management of the police and fire departments will be the efficiency of the service. I am responsible to no influence but that of Mayor Fitler. The question of politics shall not be permitted to enter the two departments under my control. So far as the gamblers are concerned I can only express the opinion that, during the coming four years, they will find it convenient to give Philadelphia a wide birth.

Mr. Stokley tendered to William Culbertson, chief clerk of the electrical department, the position of his chief clerk. Mr. Culbertson was Mr. Stokley's chief clerk while the latter was mayor and will accept the new position offered him.

Charged With False Pretenses.

David W. Weidler, of West Hempfield, township, was arrested on Tuesday on a warrant issued by Alderman Fordney. He is charged with obtaining money from Amos Groff by false and fraudulent representations. The accused entered bail for a hearing.

ALFRED SULLY.

The Newly Arisen Giant in the Great Railway World.

To the Richmond Terminal company belongs the honor of placing Mr. Alfred Sully—who is the newly arisen giant in the railway world—in the front ranks of American financiers. All of a sudden the country hears of Mr. Alfred Sully; whose name might be suggestive of a musical composer, or a writer of essays on morals, and yet he is a shrewd, lawyer-bred man, who has the grasp of a Napoleon, and the executive adroitness of a William of Orange. To Mr. Sully is given the credit of organizing the Richmond Terminal—welding a great Southern railway system into a compact whole—and now he and his syndicate are adding the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to the new system and preparing to defy all the great kings of railwaydom. Mr. Sully's smooth, clear cut face is suggestive of the artistic temperament, and he does not look at all like a railroad baron, although the entire country is now ringing with the name of Sully. Mr. Sully is in the neighborhood of fifty-years, and is a native of Iowa, where he spent most of his life developing into a purely Western man. He is a lawyer by profession, and was the head of one of the most conspicuous firms in Iowa. His residence has been in Davenport, and it was in that city that he became acquainted with Mr. Austin Corbin, (Reading's president) with whom he subsequently associated himself, coming East with him, and embarking in railroad enterprises, Mr. Sully always keeping in the background until the events of recent days brought him to the fore. The new man with the new scepter will be welcomed to the ranks of the Vanderbilts, Dewes, Gouldes, etc., even though he has been laid upon in the light of an [illegible] speculator.

DIAMONDS BEFORE A CAMERA.

The Chinese Minister Wears $1,000,000 Worth While Having His Picture Taken.

Mr. Chang Yen Hoon, Chinese minister, sat for some photographs in Washington, on Monday. He was accompanied by his interpreter and two or three lady friends who were anxious to see the operation. His servants carried up to the photographer's room two or three trunks and several smaller cases, in which were ten or a dozen changes of costume. The minister was "done" in each of these and in as many different positions. He wore a silk cap, in the centre of which was a large diamond, about the size of a hazel nut. The cap fitted so closely that the diamond looked like a huge star set in his skull. From the cap floated a long peacock feather.

Around his neck was a necklace of three chains, each of which was about a yard long composed of precious stones, every sixth of which was a diamond. His interpreter, one of the party, said the aggregate value of the jewels which adorned the person of the representative of the "flowery kingdom" was about a million of dollars. The different costumes were composed of the richest silks and satins embroidered with solid gold and trimmed with richest furs. Mr. Chang Yen Hoon is said to be the richest man in China.

UP AND DOWN THE STATE.

The Americus club of Philadelphia, will be twenty years old on the 1st of April. The event is to be celebrated by a dinner.

The citizens of Altoona voted Tuesday not to increase the indebtedness $250,000 as a water loan. The majority against the loan is 131. There was a very light vote.

Henry Graham, aged about 45 years, an employe at Bancroft's mill, Lower Providence, Delaware county, was instantly killed in the machinery at that mill, Tuesday. While oiling a part of the machinery, he became entangled in the cogwheels.

After conducting a little store on Main street, Norristown, for six weeks in a manner that attracted no particular attention, Ansel Bourne, who came from Rhode Island, says he has been living unconsciously or in a dream all that time.

The suit begun in Media by ex-Judge John M. Broomall, against President Judge Thomas J. Clayton, of the Delaware county courts, for damages for false arrest, indignities, etc., has been abandoned by the plaintiff. Broomall will not, however, practice before Clayton.

The coal tonnage of the Reading railroad company for the week ending March 12, amounted to 180,045 tons, an increase of 48,446 tons over the same week last year. The coal tonnage to date for 1887 aggregates 2,377,792 tons, an increase of 238,494 tons over the same period in 1886.

Trouble to Secure a Jury.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The jury to try ex-Alderman Cleary was completed again to day, only to be broken a few moments after. Richard Studwell, a freight agent, was acceptable to both sides and took the vacant seventh seat. Mr. Shafer, of counsel for defense, then said he supposed it would be conceded and appear in the records that the defense had exhausted their legal twenty peremptory challenges. Mr. Nicoll, the assistant district attorney, offered to allow Mr. Shafer to peremptorily challenge the second juror to whom Mr. Shafer took exception yesterday when he was chosen. Mr. Shafer declined the offer and the prosecution then peremptorily challenged J. C. H. Tupper and once more there were but eleven jurors in the box.

The Suspense Unbroken.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The war department is informed that Secretary Endicott will return to the city to-morrow.

At the White House it is stated that the president has not yet finally determined upon the inter state commerce commissioners, and that no important appointments are probable to day or to-morrow. The president still hopes to appoint the inter-state commerce commission before the close of the week, but is not certain that he will be able to do so.

Called to Account.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Although the Bankers' & Merchants' Telegraph company was sold over a year and a half ago to Edward S. Stokes on behalf of the United Lines company, the referee has never filed the report of the sale. Judge Patterson in the supreme court to-day ordered the referee to file his report of the sale within ten days, stating the amount received by him and the sum remaining unpaid. If he cannot fully state the latter item he must state his reasons in the report.

Assets and Liabilities Balance.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—George F. Belden & Co., rubber dealers at 104 Main street, assigned this morning to Baker & Humphreys, attorneys. Assets and liabilities are about equal, and will not exceed $50,000 each.

PASSED SECOND READING.

THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL TAKEN UP BY THE SENATE.

The Attempt to Expunge Several Important Provisions Fail—An Amendment to Reduce Salaries of Commissioners $1,000 Adopted—The Municipal Bill in the House.

HARRISBURG, March 16.—In the Senate to day bills were passed finally proposing amendment to constitution abolishing the poll tax and reducing the voting residence from sixty to thirty days; authorizing courts to decree the sale of real estate held for poor purposes; authorizing county commissioners to discharge prisoners confined without proceeding under the insolvent laws; providing for mortgaging of leaseholds; authorizing courts to change the limits of incorporated boroughs; authorizing commissioners to provide office room for superintendents of common schools.

In accordance with the action of the Republican senators the caucus anti discrimination bill was taken up at 11 a. m. Efforts to strike out the power of the commission to authorise common carriers to charge less for long than short distance in special cases, and to reduce the number of commissioners from five to three; to provide penalties for the violation of the act and to prohibit free passes, failed. On motion of Cooper, the salary of the commissioners was reduced from $6,000 to $5,000. Walling, Watres and Emery, Republicans, voted with the Democrats in favor of the amendments' defeat. The bill passed second reading and to-morrow will be passed finally under a special order.

The House was engaged most of its time in considering the bill for the government of cities of the fourth class, which was passed second reading. The border raid damage bill was negatively reported.

FIXING THE DISTRICTS.

The House Congressional Apportionment Committee Wipe out Randall's District.

The House congressional apportionment committee, at a meeting Tuesday night, after Mr. Leeds had made an earnest plea for six Republican districts in Philadelphia, agreed to his proposition. The Philadelphia districts are thus arranged:

FIRST. First, Second, Third, Seventh, Twenty-sixth and Thirtieth wards.

SECOND. Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Fourteenth wards.

THIRD. Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Twentieth wards.

FOURTH. Twenty-fourth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth wards.

FIFTH. Twenty-first, Twenty-second, twenty third and Twenty-fifth wards.

SIXTH. Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Thirty-first wards.

The majorities range according to the last state election from 2,400 to 5,900.

The remaining districts are thus formed:

SEVENTH. Chester and Delaware, Republican.

EIGHTH. Montgomery and part of Bucks (Rep.)

NINTH. Berks and Lehigh (Dem.)

TENTH. Lancaster (Rep.)

ELEVENTH. Pike, Monroe, Carbon, Northampton and part of Bucks (Dem.)

TWELFTH. Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike (Rep.)

THIRTEENTH. Luzerne (Dem.)

FOURTEENTH. Schuylkill (doubtful.)

FIFTEENTH. Schuylkill (Rep.)

SIXTEENTH. Dauphin, Lebanon and Perry (Rep.)

SEVENTEENTH. Bradford and Lycoming (Rep.)

EIGHTEENTH. Union, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan, Columbia, (Dem.)

NINETEENTH. Cambria, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin and Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Fulton and Bedford, (Rep.)

TWENTIETH. Cumberland, Adams and Perry, (Rep.)

TWENTY-FIRST. Clinton, Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Forest and Clarion, (Dem.)

TWENTY-SECOND. Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene, (Dem.)

TWENTY THIRD. Southern part of Allegheny, (Rep.)

TWENTY FOURTH. Northern part of Allegheny (Rep.)

TWENTY FIFTH. Butler, Armstrong, Indiana and Jefferson, (Rep.)

TWENTY SIXTH. Washington, Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer and Lawrence, (Rep.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH. Venango, Warren, McKean, Potter and Cameron, (Rep.)

TWENTY-EIGHTH. Erie and Crawford, (Rep.)

The Congressional apportionment bill will be reported to the House to-day.

Work For Its Extra Session.

RICHMOND, Va., March 16.—The general assembly convened in extra session to-day at noon. Governor Lee's message explained the object of the session to be the consideration of the state debt; the revision of the code of Virginia, and the consideration of necessary legislation growing out of the recent decision of the United States court relative to the drummers' license tax. The governor suggested a conference with the British bondholders relative to a compromise of the debt, but he makes no direct suggestion in regard to the other topics.

The Fireman and Conductor Killed.

MARIETTA, Ohio, March 16.—An engine on the Marietta, Columbus & Northern railroad this morning went over a trestle two miles beyond Vincent station, killing Engineer H. C. Vincent and Fireman Albert Boothby. John McCoy, conductor, and Wm. Stewart, brakeman, were badly scalded. Mike Early, a hanger-on, was slightly injured.

Not Guilty of Perjury.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—In the case of Sheriff Henry G. Fiedderman against John E. Burgess, in which the latter was charged with perjury in swearing before the grand jury that the sheriff had offered him a bribe to vote the Democratic ticket at the polls of the Tenth ward on Nov. 2, 1886, the jury promptly returned a verdict of not guilty. This verdict is in effect a condemnation of Sheriff Fiedderman and places him in a doubtful position.

Big Fire in Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 16.—Fire broke out about 11 o'clock this morning in the four-story brick block corner of Broadway and Hamilton street and is still raging. The building was occupied by H. R. Wright, general produce store; Jones, boot and shoes and others. It is thought the fire can be confined to the building in which it originated and the loss kept within $40,000. Two men were nearly suffocated before they could escape from the building.

The Present Board Recommended.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The committee appointed at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad company to name a ticket for directors of the company held a meeting to-day and recommended the re election of the present board. The election will take place Tuesday next.

To Build Two More Gunboats.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The navy department has begun the preparation of plans for the two additional gun boats provided for the new naval appropriation bill. The plans will be similar to those for gunboat No. 1 which is now being constructed.

Failed for Half a Million.

LONDON, March 16.—Stewart Brothers, general merchants, have failed. Their liabilities are placed at £100,000.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March, 16.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair weather, warmer, northerly winds.

CHICAGO BOODLERS ARRESTED.

Five Officials Under Heavy Bonds to Answer Serious Charges.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Wardens McGarigle and Varnell, E. S. McDonald, R. G. Driscoll and James Connolly were brought into Judge Anthony's court this morning on capiases issued last evening. Their appearance was for the purpose of giving bail. Mike McDonald, E. J. Lehmann and Mrs. Daniel Wren were present to act as sureties. McGarigle, who has three indictment against him, was required to give bail in $10,000 on each. In one of these he is charged with conspiracy to defraud the county out of $100,000, and $20,000 in each of the others. E. S. McDonald and Varnell gave bail in $6,000 each on each of the two indictments, and Connolly and Driscoll in the same amount on one indictment each. The court room was crowded and the keenest interest was taken in the proceedings.

State Officers Nominated For Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 16.—The Republican state convention was held in Low's opera house this city to-day. H. B. Metcalf, an alleged Prohibitionist of Pawtucket, was chosen permanent chairman and the present state officers were renominated for the ensuing year, as follows: Governor, George Peabody Wetmore, of Newport; lieutenant governor, Lucius B. Darling, of Pawtucket; secretary of state, Joshua M. Addeman, of Providence; state treasurer, Samuel Clark, of Lincoln; attorney general, Edwin Metcalf, of Providence.

Murdered by His Neighbor.

LEBANON, Ind., March 16.—Word comes from Dover, a small village in Jefferson township, Boone county, of the murder of Ira Alexander at his home, one-fourth mile west of that place last evening, by Thomas Hartman, a neighbor. Alexander and Hartman had some difficulty over the settlement of a job of clearing, when Hartman shot Alexander in the abdomen with a shotgun, making a horrible wound, from which the entrails protruded, and from which he died inside of an hour. Alexander was about 70 years old. Hartman is a young married man. He has not been arrested yet.

A Postmaster Arrested.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 16.—Noah E. Flory, ex-postmaster of Tulip, Greene county, was arrested yesterday and brought here by the special authorities. He is charged with selling postage stamps for a less price than the government rates. His postoffice was mysteriously blown up two months ago by dynamite, and it was understood that everything was destroyed, but the stamps at cheap rates raised the suspicion that the postmaster knows something of the "blowing up" and that the letter stamps were not destroyed.

The Sullivan Combination.

BOSTON, March 16.—Jim Carroll, of the John L. Sullivan combination, has been ordered to report in New York for the [illegible] 22. He said to a reporter: "The combination will open in Jersey City, March 28. Several first-class sparrers have been engaged. I shall spar most of the time with La Blanche and some clever light weights, possibly Jack McAuliffe, if arrangements can be made. I understand Knifton, of England, has been engaged to take the place of Duncan McDonald in sparring with the big fellow. After leaving Jersey City we shall travel through New England."

Trying to Revive a Newspaper.

PEORIA, Ills., March 16.—Owen Scott, the editor of the Bloomington *Bulletin*, was in this city yesterday consulting with the leading Democrats in reference to the purchase of the Peoria *National Democrat* office and franchise. It is understood the price asked is $20,000. Of this amount Mr. Scott offers to take $10,500 if the rest is taken by citizens here. If the deal is successful, he will sell out his *Bulletin* establishment and remove to Peoria.

Identified and Murder Charged.

SUNBURY, PA., March 16.—The body of the corpse which was found near here last Sunday night to a tree was identified at noon yesterday as that of a man named Mitzaleff, who had turned from west yesterday as that of a man named Mitzaleff, who had turned up his father's [illegible] here he had to settle. The jury decided that he was supposed to have been possessing considerable money.

Arrested for Murder.

WABASH, Ind., March 16.—[illegible] a rich old farmer of Delphi, [illegible] yesterday of George Patty of Hoppack, abducting his 16-year-old daughter. The arrest. The young people eloped last Sunday but were overtaken by the angry father, who dragged his daughter from Patty's cabin although Patty flourished a big revolver to prevent him. The lovers declare that they will yet marry.

Germany and Italy at Peace.

BERLIN, March 16.—The increased cordiality of the relations between Germany and Italy, were yesterday exemplified by the fact that Prince Bismarck visited and personally handed to the Italian ambassador the treaty of alliance between the two countries containing the signatures necessary to its ratification. The chancellor's visit extended over a period of two hours.

To Vote on Secession.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 16.—It is now reported that the Nova Scotia government will at an early day submit to popular vote the question of secession from the Dominion. The question of local government was elected purely on the secession issue, and it feels that it must carry on the agitation unless it receives instructions to the contrary from the electorate.

Twenty-Six Victims.

BOSTON, March 16.—The latest list of the killed in the Roslindale disaster places the number at twenty-six.

No further deaths were reported at the hospitals last night. Nearly all of the injured are reported as doing well, although fatal results are possible in a number of cases.

Willed Half a Million to Charity.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The state department has received a certified copy of the last will and testament of Jose Sevilla, who recently died at Lima, Peru, bequeathing $500,000 to the city of New York, for the establishment and perpetual maintenance of a school for poor female children between the ages of five and fifteen years.

The First Federal Election.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 16.—The First federal election ever held in the Northwest territories came off yesterday resulting in the election of D. N. F. Davin, W. D. Perley, W. McDowell and Richard Hardisty, all supporters of the Dominion government. The majorities ranged from 200 to 500.

Victory For Prohibitionists.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 16.—The district court has issued a decree permanently closing the big distillery and stopping all manufacture. Yesterday a motion was argued before the supreme court for a suspension of the decree, pending an appeal to the supreme court.

Snow Storms and Earthquake.

MUNICH, March 16.—Heavy snow storms prevail throughout Bavaria and Wurtemburg.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in this city and vicinity yesterday morning, but did no damage.

A BEAUTIFUL MEMENTO.

TO PRESERVE THE FLORAL PIECE USED AT THE BEECHER OBSEQUIES.

The Regiment of Which He Was Chaplain Given Charge of It by the Church Committee—The Piece to Be Kept at the Official Headquarters.

BROOKLYN, March 16.—When the flowers which had been sent as parting tokens of love and respect to Plymouth church while Mr. Beecher lay in state there, were divided among the Thirteenth regiment, of which Mr. Beecher was chaplain, it was requested that the floral pall be intrusted to the regiment for permanent keeping. The following letter has been received by Col. Fackner:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 15, 1887.

To the Thirteenth Regiment N. G. N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—A very general wish has been expressed that the floral covering of the casket containing the body of your much loved chaplain that you so tenderly guarded during the sad watches of the past week should be permanently intrusted to you. The covering is now at my house and I shall be pleased to deliver it to your order at any time. Yours truly, M. S. BEACH.

For the committee of the church.

The covering will be embalmed and placed under glass in the officers' headquarters together with a portrait of Mr. Beecher.

The Beecher monument fund now amounts to over $1,200.

THE MISSOURI AND TRIBUTARIES.

Miles City Flooded and the People All Along the Streams in Terrible Anxiety.

BISMARCK, Dak., March 16.—The Northern Pacific train from the West, which was detained 70 hours by flood, reached here last evening. The reports indicate that the Missouri must break within a week, and there is great alarm among the people living along the banks. The Yellowstone, Little Missouri and Priorri rivers are free of ice and flooding their banks. More than thirty bridges on the Northern Pacific between this point and Billings have been swept away and much damage has been occasioned by the floods. Passengers report that Miles City has been twice inundated within the last week